

*Kathryn A. Martin*

# LIBRARY CONNECTION

*A Newsletter for Friends of the Library at UMD*

## Library Dedication Honors Former Chancellor



*Kathryn Martin thanks  
Chancellor Lendley  
Black after the unveiling  
of new lettering,  
□ Kathryn A. Martin  
Library, □ above the  
library entrance.*

Having served as UMD's Chancellor from 1995 to 2010, Kathryn A. Martin was honored at a ceremony Monday, October 7, dedicating the campus library in her name.

A large group gathered under the Chihuly sculpture in the library entryway to hear remarks by current Chancellor Lendley C. Black, Diane Skomars, Representative Thomas Huntley, Maribeth Weber Marchi, James I. Swenson, Gregory R. Fox, as well as Chancellor Emerita Martin before venturing outdoors to watch the unveiling of new lettering designating the building as the Kathryn A. Martin Library.

Under Martin's leadership, the UMD campus was transformed as new buildings were erected in rapid succession. She made a new library her first priority and worked tirelessly to gain legislative support for the project. She did this not only because of the poor condition of the old building, but because, as she said during her campaign for the bonding bill, "A library is the heart and soul of a university."

Citing the new Learning Commons on the library's second floor, she credited planners and Stanius Johnson Architects with the foresight to make the building state-of-the-art for its time when it opened in 2000 and flexible enough to accommodate change in the future.

The library was the first of ten new building projects completed during Martin's tenure, including the Weber Music Hall, the James I. Swenson Science Building, and the Labovitz School of Business and Economics.

Library staff members continue to respond to changing information needs, and with the opening of a new Learning Commons on its second floor, the library is attracting a record number of users this year.

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# Learning Commons Grand Opening

An open house with the theme "Be a Learning Champ" celebrated the completion of a new Learning Commons on the second floor of the library on Thursday, September 19. After introductory remarks by Chancellor Lendley Black and Executive Vice Chancellor Andrea Schokker, the Bulldog mascot "Champ" was on hand to lead tours and pass out grab bags to visitors.

Each grab bag contained candies and a love note from Champ: "Be a Smartie... Go to the Learning Commons: It's a Lifesaver!" On the back were listed contact numbers for all of the Learning Commons partners, including the Multimedia Hub, Research & Information desk, Supportive Services & the Tutoring Center, and the Writers' Workshop.

"It is really exciting to see the Learning Commons space become a reality," said Liz Benson Johnson, Assistant Library Director. "The Learning Commons is a place where students can find information, learn through discovery, get support with creative projects, and transform existing knowledge into new knowledge."

Providing a learning commons has been a goal of the library for a long time, and last year, campus partners, library personnel, and the local architectural firm TKDA drafted a plan and budget for the second-floor project.

Remodeling over the summer created defined spaces for the various services, and new furnishings were purchased to facilitate collaborative study. Students can now find the help they need in the library's comfortable and productive learning environment.



*Library staff members wish to thank the Learning Commons partners and campus administrators for collaborative efforts in planning and making the Learning Commons a reality.*

## What Do Students Think about the Commons?



"My initial reaction was 'Wow! This is pretty!' The layout is so welcoming, and it is very easy for people to find since it's right on the second floor."

Laura Temme, Senior  
Economics / Journalism



"I usually just go to the third floor, but this is way better! Wish there was something like this when I was an undergraduate."

Josh Ruprecht, 5<sup>th</sup> year  
Computer Systems



"I just feel very honored to be a part of the Tutoring Center. It's such a nice place to work, and it is so nice to be able to help others learn more about writing."

Soo Hong, Senior  
Writing / Journalism



"I really liked how the Tutoring Center is in the library with all the resources. Also, people can ask questions and the upper floors can be more dedicated to quiet study."

Grant Carlisle, Sophomore  
Biochemistry



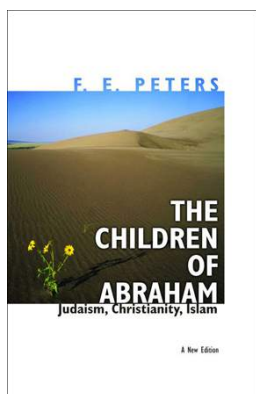
## Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys Reading & Discussion Series

The Kathryn A. Martin Library presents a free, scholar-led reading and discussion series exploring five books in the "Pathways of Faith" theme received from the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of the Bridging Cultures Muslim Journeys bookshelf collection.

Join humanities scholar Rosemary Stanfield-Johnson, Ph.D., and Nik Hassan, Ph.D., as they facilitate community discussion that will help participants learn more about the people, places, history, faith, and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.

The first "Talk About It" program will begin at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, October 15**, in the UMD Library Rotunda reading room. Discussion will focus on *The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, Islam* by F. E. Peters.

In one of the first scholarly works to explain the commonalities and connections between Islam, Judaism, and Christianity, *The Children of Abraham* reviews the intertwined relationships among the three faiths' holy scriptures and traditions.



*Book #1 will be discussed Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 p.m., in the Rotunda Reading Room*

The other books in the series include:

- **November 12**, *Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction*
- **February 18**, *The Story of the Qur'an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life*
- **March 11**, *The Art of Hajj*
- **April 8**, *Rumi: Poet & Mystic*

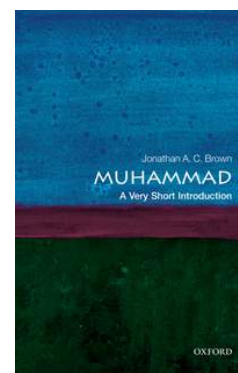
All programs will be on Tuesdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the library fourth floor rotunda reading room, with the exception of the **February 18** program, which will be in UMD's Kirby Ballroom, with Islamic scholar and author **Ingrid Mattson, Ph.D.**, as **special guest speaker**.

Participants are encouraged to register in advance (<http://z.umn.edu/muslimjourneys>) but are welcome to sit in for one or a few meetings if they wish. Books are available at the Kathryn A. Martin Library and at the Duluth Public Library.

Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys, a reading and discussion series, has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association.

For more information, call 218-726-8539 or visit

[http://libguides.d.umn.edu/muslim\\_journeys](http://libguides.d.umn.edu/muslim_journeys)



*Book #2 will be discussed Tuesday, November 12, 6:30 p.m., in the Rotunda Reading Room*



## Memo from the Director

For my first director's memo, I started drafting a greeting that was predominantly biographical. I imagined people reading with rapt attention about my background, professional accomplishments, and visions of modern library services. I must have been thinking that a new director might be the most exciting development at the library.

Just one visit to the library will prove to everyone that of all the new things here, the director is perhaps the least exciting compared to the new name (see page 1), the new Learning Commons (see page 2), new events (see pages 3, 5, & 6), new library systems & policies (see page 7), and new resources (forget this, just see the whole newsletter for more information about all the new things we're offering!).

Obviously, these important developments started before I arrived, thanks to the dedication, hard work, and talents of the library team at UMD. I am proud to stand behind these accomplishments and let the spotlight shine on the Kathryn A. Martin Library project leaders and all the people who contribute to research and academic achievements at UMD.



*Matt Rosendahl*

There is one new development for which I can claim responsibility, and for which I need your help. The library is preparing a new plan for the future. This isn't an exercise in bureaucracy – this is critical for the library to find strategic ways to evolve and meet the needs of students, teachers, researchers, and lifelong learners in the digital age. Learn more about the steering committee members overseeing this process, their timeline, and the opportunities for community and campus participation in crafting the plan by visiting <https://sites.google.com/a/d.umn.edu/libstratplan/>.

Stop by the library to see all these new things – including the director! I can be found on the fourth floor of the library, where I would love to hear from you about how the library can further contribute to your work at UMD. Please contact me at [mrosenda@d.umn.edu](mailto:mrosenda@d.umn.edu).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MRosendahl', written on a light green rectangular background.

### **Editor's Note:**

For the record, Matt Rosendahl became director of the library as of Monday, June 24, 2013, succeeding Liz Benson Johnson, who served as interim director after the retirement of long-term head Bill Sozansky.

Rosendahl came to UMD from his position as Director of Learning Resources at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC). While directing the four campus libraries there, he collaborated with information technology services to develop a learning commons. Rosendahl was a founding co-organizer of the Lake Superior Libraries Symposium.

Matt served as the director of two public libraries prior to joining WITC in 2009. He has a Master of Science degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

# Lake Superior Libraries Symposium Comes to UMD

*Get Your Northern Library On...*

Lake Superior Libraries Symposium is a grass-roots group of librarians dedicated to enriching and empowering libraries in this region by hosting an annual conference featuring a nationally recognized leader in libraries and many presentations and discussions led by local professionals eager to share their passions and talents.

UMD is proud to announce that it was chosen by the symposium's steering committee to host the third annual event. The first two years of the symposium, which was honored with an award by the state of Wisconsin, were hosted in Superior. The date for the 2014 symposium at UMD will be Friday, June 6.

The event's move to Minnesota will be reflected in its 2014 theme of bridging the differences between academic, public, K-12, and special libraries of all sizes to learn from each other and to meet the needs of lifelong learners in the digital age.

Kathryn A. Martin Librarians Kim Pittman and Gabriel Gardner; Director Matt Rosendahl; and volunteer Shana Aue all serve on the LSLS steering committee and have helped organize the event in previous years.

UMD presenters at past symposia have included Archivist Pat Maus; Reference Librarians Jodi Carlson Grebinoski, Sunshine Carter, and Pam Enrici; Associate Professor Leane Rutherford; and Public Health Specialist Laura Lott.



Registration for the 2014 Lake Superior Libraries Symposium will be available in late winter. In the meantime, the steering committee will hold an Unsymposium at UW-Superior on January 10. Registration is now open for this casual conference that prioritizes networking and serendipitous discovery through conversation.

Register here for the Mid-Winter Unsymposium: <http://lakesuperiorlibrariesymposium.com/register/>

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## What Is a d-Commons?

The library has been developing a new service for UMD students, faculty, staff, research enterprises, and the region. It is called UMD d-Commons (<http://d-commons.d.umn.edu/>).

D-Commons is the trusted online service and space for UMD's Institutional Repository and the "digital arm" that captures, manages, and preserves effectively the knowledge base and intellectual output of UMD in digital formats.

Besides capturing, disseminating, and preserving the intellectual output of UMD, d-Commons will promote UMD's academic reputation, facilitate teaching and learning, and provide open access to digital resources.

For more information, contact Shixing Wen ([swen@d.umn.edu](mailto:swen@d.umn.edu)).

# NEMBA Book Award Nominations Open

The 26th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA) will be presented at a public celebration on **Thursday, May 22, 2014**, in Kirby Ballroom on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus. The celebration will include a featured speaker, book fair, and refreshments.

Nominations are now being accepted.

## DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2014

Nominations may be submitted in one of six categories:

- (1) General Nonfiction: history, biography, guidebooks, cookbooks, books about science and nature, and scholarly works.
- (2) Fiction: novels, short stories, plays, and other works of fiction.
- (3) Art/Photography: books that primarily showcase (and annotate) the visual art contained in them.

(4) Children's Literature: books intended for children and young adults.

(5) Poetry: collections of poetry or a single poem of book length.

(6) Memoir/Creative Nonfiction: books that examine the world from a highly personal perspective, whether in the form of a memoir, personal essay, or other work of creative nonfiction.

**Reading teams** will choose a winner and honorable mention in each category. If a book is nominated in more than one area, the Kathryn A. Martin Library NEMBA Team will determine the category for entry.

## Eligibility Requirements and Entry Guidelines

- The subject matter of nominated books must substantially represent northeastern

Minnesota in the areas of history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle.

- Nominated books must have a 2013 publishing date. Books with a 2012 copyright that were not published and available until 2013 may be submitted in the 26th annual NEMBA. A written explanation for why a book with a 2012 copyright should be eligible must be submitted along with the nomination form.
- Nominated books must have been written in English and published in bound paper format.
- One copy of each nominated book must be submitted along with an entry form.
- A \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE entry fee is required for each nominated book; checks or money orders only, made payable to the Kathryn A. Martin Library.
- Nominations must be postmarked or delivered to the library by the due date (February 1, 2014).

## Stress-less Week Returns December 9-13

Stress-less Week, the library's popular series of events designed to help students relieve stress before finals week, will return this December. Events will take place the week of December 9-13 and are free for all UMD students. This year's tentative lineup includes:

- **Coffee with Champ:** Champ will be on hand to distribute some much-needed caffeine at the library entrance.
- **Massage:** RSOP's Nancy Schwerdt will provide short chair massages for students.
- **Zoomobile:** Some of the zoo's smallest and cutest animals will provide a welcome distraction from studying.
- **Get Crafty:** Creative types can take a study break with arts and crafts.
- **Coffee Bean Counting Contest:** Guess how many coffee beans are in a jar and win a coffee shop gift card!

Specific dates and times for events will be announced later this fall. Stay tuned to our website and social media feeds for more details!

Send a completed **nomination form**, one copy of each nominated book, and a \$25 non-refundable entry fee to:

Kathryn A. Martin Library  
Library Administration  
416 Library Drive  
Duluth, MN 55812

## Prizes

The winning author in each category will receive a cash prize of \$200. The winning author and the honorable mention in each category will receive a glass plaque and 100 **book seals**.

# System & Policy Changes to Be Implemented Soon

All University of Minnesota libraries will be implementing a new unified library management system in December 2013 that will change the way library workers do their jobs behind the scenes. Using a cloud-based system called Alma, they will handle all types of records (including digital as well as print products) in one staff interface. This will affect all core functions in the library, including acquisitions, licensing, cataloging, and circulation.

Users of the library's "discovery" system (the public search catalog) will see little difference when they return to campus after winter break, but the "classic catalog" will no longer be available, and some policies will change so that all campuses operate with standard workflows and loan policies.

This will have the effect of simplifying the system for users, but changes in loan and fine rate policies are necessary so that all campuses are following consistent rules and practices.

The good news is that loan periods for many UMD Kathryn A. Martin Library users will be lengthened. Undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff will all receive a 13-week loan when they borrow books. Community users will see their loan period expand from four to six weeks for regular books. All users will be allowed to borrow Bestsellers for four weeks rather than two (unless books are requested by other patrons).

We also expect the new system to create accounts for community users, allowing online renewals and

requests, similar to the My Account features that students, faculty, and staff currently enjoy.

However, we have been required to increase our fine rates to conform to other campus practices. Instead of the current \$.50 daily fine rate for books, overdue fines will move to \$1 per day. Reserve items and group study room loans will remain at \$1 per hour, if returned late. The fine for failure to return a recalled item within one week will be \$2 per day. The maximum overdue fine on a single item will go down, from \$20 per item to \$15 per item.

As with any major system installation, we may need extra patience from our users as we learn an entirely different way of working and as we become more familiar with our new system.

## A CRAFTY BULLDOG WELCOME

Fun and free food—those are the two proven words that will always pique a college student's attention. And the Bulldog Welcome Week event held at the Library titled "Get Crafty in the Library!" promised both. Surrounding tables heaped with colorful craft supplies, incoming UMD freshmen bonded while making vibrant pin boards and paper flowers from discarded library books. Should they use the blue fabric with white clouds or the leopard print stretch fabric to cover the foam board that would soon be their pin board? Oh, the choices!

The crafts available included coasters, garlands, coloring sheets, pin boards, magnets, flowers made from book pages, and bowls made from old vinyl records. And for those students who weren't feeling crafty, there were a variety of board games available. These games were quickly put to use as several groups took a break from crafts to watch their friends play Apples to Apples while munching on the chips, cookies, and refreshments provided by the library.

In total, approximately 380 students attended the second annual "Get Crafty in the Library!" event. As one of those students attending, I can honestly say that it was a blast! Having a fun, relaxing place to go where I could meet people while making crafts was a great way to start off the school year. Many people commented that it was a great idea and that they hope it happens again next year.

*Libby Berg, Freshman  
Library Communications Student Representative*



*Approximately 380 students participated in the "Get Crafty in the Library" event during Bulldog Welcome Week.*



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## Library Hours

### Fall Semester Hours

**September 3 □ December 13, 2013**

Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m. □ midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m. □ 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. □ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon □ Midnight

#### Exceptions:

Wednesday, November 27	7:30 a.m. □ 5:00 p.m.
Thursday □ Saturday, Nov. 28-30	<b>CLOSED</b>

### Finals Week Hours

**December 14 - 20, 2013**

Saturday, Dec. 14	Noon □ Midnight
Sunday, Dec. 15	Noon - 2:00 a.m.
Monday □ Thursday, Dec. 16-19	7:30 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 20	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Find more hours, including Learning Commons services, at  
<http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/admin/hours.htm>.

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